

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2002**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jeffrey N. Roy***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act advancing innovations in digital health technology to improve patient outcomes and the quality of health care delivered in the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/10/2019</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2002**

By Mr. Roy of Franklin, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2002) of Jeffrey N. Roy and Kevin G. Honan relative to digital health technology, patient outcomes and the quality of health care delivered in the Commonwealth. Public Health.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act advancing innovations in digital health technology to improve patient outcomes and the quality of health care delivered in the commonwealth.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Subsection (a) of section 6D of chapter 40J of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the third sentence  
3 the following sentence:- The institute shall partner with the health care and technology  
4 community to accelerate the creation and adoption of digital health to drive economic growth  
5 and improve health care outcomes and efficiency.

6 SECTION 2. Said section 6D of said chapter 40J, as so appearing, is hereby further  
7 amended by striking out, in lines 16 to 18, inclusive, the words “and (3) develop a plan to  
8 complete the implementation of electronic health records systems by all providers in the  
9 commonwealth” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- (3) develop a plan to  
10 complete the implementation of electronic health records systems by all providers in the  
11 commonwealth; and (4) advance the commonwealth’s economic competitiveness by supporting

12 the digital health industry, including the digital health industry’s role in improving the quality of  
13 health care delivery and patient outcomes.

14 SECTION 3. Said section 6D of said chapter 40J, as so appearing, is hereby further  
15 amended by striking out subsection (f) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

16 (f) The institute shall identify companies and organizations that are engaged in the  
17 development of emerging new technologies associated with health information technology,  
18 including, (i) web-based and personalized care delivery or (ii) the incorporation of data on social  
19 determinants of health into digital health technology, which may include integrating individual-  
20 level determinants, community-level determinants, or both, into diverse workflows. The institute  
21 shall promote the growth and development of such companies and organizations by supporting  
22 the formation of regional health information technology clusters, coordinating the promotion and  
23 dissemination of information regarding such companies and organizations, identifying and  
24 addressing obstacles to the growth of such companies and organizations and helping to identify  
25 alternative funding sources for such companies and organizations for the implementation of their  
26 business and marketing plans.

27 SECTION 4. Said section 6D of said chapter 40J, as so appearing, is hereby further  
28 amended by adding the following subsection:-

29 (h) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, if a significant portion  
30 of health care providers, as determined by the institute’s director, implement and use  
31 interoperable electronic health records systems, the institute shall prioritize achieving the goal of  
32 improving the commonwealth’s economic competitiveness in digital health through  
33 implementation of subsections (f) and (g).